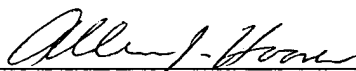


REMARKS

Via a telephone message on December 8, 2003, the undersigned attorney authorized Examiner Pratt to cancel claims 1 through 11, as non-elected claims, from Serial No. 09/947,976. Claims 12 through 35, which are cancelled by the preceding amendments, remain in Serial No. 09/947,976.

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